

(b) Purpose. – The State Capitol Police Division shall serve as a special police agency of the Department of Crime Control and Public Safety. The Director of the State Capitol Police, appointed by the Secretary pursuant to G.S. 143B-476(6), with the approval of the Governor, may appoint as special police officers such reliable persons as he may deem necessary.

(c) Appointment of Officers. – Special police officers appointed pursuant to this section may not exercise the power of arrest until they shall take an oath, to be administered by any person authorized to administer oaths, as required by law.

(d) Jurisdiction of Officers. – Each special police officer of the State Capitol Police shall have the same power of arrest as the police officers of the City of Raleigh. Such authority may be exercised within the same territorial jurisdiction as exercised by the police officers of the City of Raleigh, and in addition thereto the authority of a deputy sheriff may be exercised on property owned, leased, or maintained by the State located in the County of Wake.

(f) Public Safety. – The Director of the State Capitol Police, or the Director's designee, shall exercise at all times those means that, in the opinion of the Director or the designee, may be effective in protecting all State buildings and grounds, except for the State legislative buildings and grounds as defined in G.S. 120-32.1(d), and the persons within those buildings and grounds from fire, bombs, bomb threats, or any other emergency or potentially hazardous conditions, including both the ordering and control of the evacuation of those buildings and grounds. The Director, or the Director's designee, may employ the assistance of other available law enforcement agencies and emergency agencies to aid and assist in evacuations of those buildings and grounds."

STUDY CONSOLIDATION OF LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES

SECTION 17.4. The Office of State Budget and Management shall study the feasibility of consolidating the law enforcement agencies in the executive branch of State government for the purpose of coordinating the activities of these agencies, and reducing duplication and overlapping of law enforcement responsibilities, training, and technical assistance among State law enforcement agencies. The Office of State Budget and Management shall report its findings and recommendations by February 1, 2010, to the Joint Legislative Corrections, Crime Control, and Juvenile Justice Oversight Committee.

ASSIST SHERIFFS' ENFORCEMENT OF SEX OFFENDER REGISTRATION LAWS

SECTION 17.4A. Subsection 11(a) of S.L. 2008-220 reads as rewritten:

"SECTION 11.(a) Funds are authorized to be allocated to the Governor's Crime Commission for award as grants to eligible sheriffs' offices to assist with the enforcement of the State's sex offender laws. The grants shall be awarded specifically to enhance and support law efforts by sheriffs to do the following: (i) process and conduct in-person sex offender registrations, (ii) monitor compliance of sex offenders as required under Article 27A of Chapter 14 of the General Statutes, and (iii) conduct activities to investigate and apprehend persons who commit reportable offenses as defined under Article 27A of Chapter 14 of the General Statutes. Eligible sheriffs' offices are required to provide non-State matching funds equal to ~~fifty percent (50%)~~ twenty-five percent (25%) of the grant amount awarded under this section, one-half of which may be in in-kind contributions."

LAW ENFORCEMENT SUPPORT SERVICES FEES

SECTION 17.5. Effective September 1, 2009, Article 11 of Chapter 143B of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read:

"§ 143B-475.2. Fees for services.

A fee in the amount set by the Department is imposed on the entities listed in this section. The fees are departmental receipts and are applied to the Department's costs in providing services to these entities. The fees apply to the following:

- (1) A local law enforcement agency that employs more than 25 officers and that receives equipment from the Department, whether by transfer, loan, or